

## **Integrative Cancer Research Special Interest Group Teleconference**

## **Genome Annotation SIG Meeting Minutes**

Date, Time & Location:	July 1, 2004 3:00 – 4:00 EDT			
Attendees:	Cathy Wu – Georgetown			
	Rakesh Nagarajan – Wash U Harold Riethman – Wistar			
	Lincoln Stein – Cold Spring Harbor			
	Terry Disz - U of C			
	Ross Overbeek – U of C			
	Jay Lewis – U of C Kutbuddin Doctor – Burnham Edith Zang – Institute for Cancer Prevention			
	Naveen Vinukanda – Institute for Cancer Prevention			
	Vincent Yau – Oregon Health David Kane – SRA/NCI			
	Juli Klemm - BAH			
Application	SEED			
Presentations	Ross Overbeek and Terry Disz gave a presentation of SEED. The slides can			
	be downloaded from			
	http://ncicbforums.nci.nih.gov/forums/cabigforum/lfs/icrlfs/SIGs/gene_annotation			
	SEED Q & A			
	Cathy Wu: What is the source of the annotations?			
	<ul> <li>Most of the annotations are predicted. SEED provides an environment for an expert to be able to clean up these annotations.</li> </ul>			
	Lincoln Stein: Could SEED be used for community annotation?			
	- SEED was not specifically designed for this but it is possible.			
	<ul> <li>Goal with current SEED project is to "annotate 1000 genomes accurately" by annotating subsystems. It is envisioned that a few could be done manually, then the rest would be automated</li> </ul>			
	Lincoln Stein: Most of the vertebrate annotation work involves annotation of genomes horizontally, rather than vertically. This vertical approach makes good sense.			
	Cathy Wu: SEED is a tremendous tool that could be of great use to the UniProt consortium.			
	Kutbuddin Doctor: Can one use SEED to combine personal annotations with public annotations?			
	<ul> <li>Any user can develop their own subsystem. SEED has the concept of "non-master" assignments.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Most people run the SEED on their own laptop, then exchange annotations with one another.</li> </ul>			
	Generic Genome Browser			
	Lincoln Stein gave a presentation of GBrowse. The slides can be downloaded			

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#### GBrowse Q&A

Rakesh Nagarajan: Can GBrowse be use to view 2 overlaid genomes?

- Iowa State has made some modifications to GBrowse to add an alignment track for joining genomes. This modification will be released soon.

How are new tracks shared?

- In general, the entire track is shared. There are some workarounds that allow sharing of individual features of a track.
- There is a security built into GBrowse that allows tracks to be password protected.

Juli: What relational db adapters exist for GBrowse?

- Three have been written. A user wanting to bring in a new relational data source would need to modify one of these.
  - A lightweight and generic adapter based on a simple 4-table database. Useful for people starting from scratch
  - The main GMOD adapter written for Postgrs. Rich, ontologybased schema.
  - o BioSQL, shared with BioPerl, BioJava, BioPython

Cathy Wu: How are gene objects related to protein objects?

- GBrowse is not intended to make such assignments but rather to point at the smart database containing this information.

Simon Lin: How is the performance? Is most of the work performed on the server?

- Yes, all work is server-side.

# Other Items Discussed

- The next Genome Annotation SIG meeting will be Thursday, August 5, at 3:00pm ET.
- Function Express and GOMiner will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **Action Items:**

Name Responsible	Action Item	Date Due	Notes
Juli Klemm	Distribute meeting minutes	7/6/04	
Juli Klemm	Post presentations on the caBIG forum	7/6/04	
All participants	Send Juli preferred dates for ICR face-to- face meeting	7/9/04	